METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION OR SERVICES BY TOUCHING MARKED ITEMS ON PHYSICAL DOCUMENTS

5 Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention discloses a system and method for selecting and accessing multimedia information and/or services located on one or a plurality of servers connected to a communication network simply by touching with a finger items marked on a physical document or on any other physical surface. The system includes a touch foil placed over (or under) the document for reading coordinates of selected marked items, and a user workstation for accessing the information and/or the service associated with the selected marked items.

Items marked on the documents are selected by pressing the touch foil placed over (or under) the document. Once a marked item is selected, the user workstation receives from the touch foil a signal indicating the position of the selected marked item. The user workstation identifies in a hyperlink table a server and within this server the information and/or the service associated with the position of the selected marked item. Finally, a request is sent to the identified server for accessing the desired information and/or service.

In a particular embodiment, the user workstation is connected to the Internet network and comprises a Web Browser application. Servers are Web servers and the information or/and the service are Web pages linked to the items marked on the physical document and selected by the user when pressing the touch foil on the corresponding mark on the document.

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